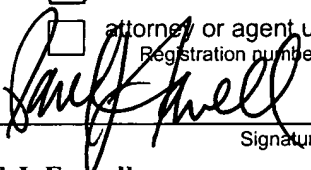


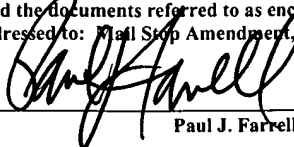
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Application Number <b>09/473,360</b>		Filed <b>December 28, 1999</b>
For <b>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING CHARACTER MESSAGES ...</b>		
Art Unit <b>2618</b>		Examiner <b>Tu X. Nguyen</b>
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):		
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